

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
for the

Eastern District of Missouri

United States of America

v.

Ariel D. Houston

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) Case No: 4:08CR553 HEA

) USM No: 35966-044

) Eric Butts

) Defendant's Attorney

Date of Previous Judgment: 09/08/2009  
(Use Date of Last Amended Judgment if Applicable)

**Order Regarding Motion for Sentence Reduction Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3582(c)(2)**

Upon motion of  the defendant  the Director of the Bureau of Prisons  the court under 18 U.S.C. § 3582(c)(2) for a reduction in the term of imprisonment imposed based on a guideline sentencing range that has subsequently been lowered and made retroactive by the United States Sentencing Commission pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 994(u), and having considered such motion, and taking into account the sentencing factors set forth in 18 U.S.C. § 3553(a), to the extent that they are applicable,

**IT IS ORDERED** that the motion is:

DENIED.  GRANTED and the defendant's previously imposed sentence of imprisonment (as reflected in the last judgment issued) of 40 months is reduced to 37 months.

**I. COURT DETERMINATION OF GUIDELINE RANGE (Prior to Any Departures)**

Previous Offense Level: 23

Amended Offense Level: 17

Criminal History Category: IV

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Previous Guideline Range: 70 to 87 months

Amended Guideline Range: 37 to 46 months

**II. SENTENCE RELATIVE TO AMENDED GUIDELINE RANGE**

The reduced sentence is within the amended guideline range.

The previous term of imprisonment imposed was less than the guideline range applicable to the defendant at the time of sentencing as a result of a departure or Rule 35 reduction, and the reduced sentence is comparably less than the amended guideline range.

Other (explain):

**III. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS**

This reduction is effective November 1, 2011, absent Congressional Action changing the proposed Guidelines Amendments or other order of this Court. The Court recommends that defendant be transferred to a halfway house for transition services as soon as possible.

Except as provided above, all provisions of the judgment dated 09/08/2009 shall remain in effect.

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

Order Date: 09/22/2011

  
Judge's signature

Effective Date: 11/01/2011  
(if different from order date)

HENRY EDWARD AUTREY, U.S. DISTRICT JUDGE  
Printed name and title